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SUBJ: RHODESIA: GUERRILLAS KIDNAP AFRICANS

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1. SEPTEMBER 19 SA AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT 31 OF 93 AFRICAN MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN, ABDUCTED FROM VILLAGES IN NORTH-EASTERN BORDER AREA OF RHODESIA SEPTEMBER 12, ARE STILL MISSING. RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED KIDNAPPING OF 60 CHILDREN AND CLAIMED ALL BUT ONE HAD BEEN FREED (REFTEL). IT NOW APPEARS THAT 93 WERE KIDNAPPED BY 30 GUERRILLAS.

2. AS SEARCH FOR GUERRILLAS AND REMAINING CAPTIVES CONTINUED, RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT FLEW 20 JOURNALISTS TO AREA FOR FIRST-HAND REPORTS OF INCIDENT. SECURITY FORCES FOLLOWING BLOOD TRAILS
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OF TWO BADLY WOUNDED GUERRILLAS NEAR MOZAMBIQUE BORDER.

3. RETURNED CAPTIVES, SOME FORCED-MARCHED FOR UP TO FIVE DAYS,
CLAIMED THAT GUERRILLAS TOLD THEM THEY WOULD BE TRAINED AS
FIGHTERS, MEN IN TANZANIA AND GIRLS IN LUSAKA.
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